



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of) Examiner Unknown
Ho Yu) Group Art Unit 1725
Serial No. 10/630,387) Atty. No. 03-0981 [370041-00021]
Confirmation No. 8345)
Filed July 30, 2003)
For Method Of Preventing Cracking In)
Direct Chill Cast Ingots)

Preliminary Amendment

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" dated October 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.